



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, the nearly 2.7 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nations largest health care profession; and*

*WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and*

*WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and*

*WHEREAS, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nations registered nursing resources; and*

*WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and*

*WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and*

*WHEREAS, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and*

*WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future; and*

*WHEREAS, the Idaho Nurses Association celebrates the week of May 6-12 as Nurse Week 2004 with the theme "Your Voice, Your Health, You Life", in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dirk Kempthorne, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 6 through 12, 2004, to be*

**NURSES WEEK**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this first day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE